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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
       DECODING SPEECH SIGNAL

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003 (Paper No. 5), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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